

Application Serial No. 09/866,088

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Amend paragraph [0029] on pages 10 and 11 of the present specification as follows:

Preferably, each alignment fixture 84 has a thin, generally rectangular-shaped plate or spider body 86 with an enlarged central void or opening 88. Enlarged corner elements 90 extend outward at the corners. Each element 90 has a peripheral exterior side surface 92 complementary to the internal corner alignment surface 42 having opening 43 of the meat tray 10 for engaging the internal corner alignment surface 42 as the fixture 84 enters the top opening 85 of the meat tray 10. Preferably each of the exterior side surfaces 92 is steeply inclined at an acute angle "C" of between 75 degrees and 86 degrees relative to the bottom wall of the meat tray (Fig. 12). More preferably the acute angle "C" is between 80 degrees and 86 degrees. Also preferably each of the exterior side surfaces 92 has an arc in the horizontal direction of greater than 90 degrees.